



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2019-3029

Officer-Involved Critical Incident – Richland County Jail

Investigative Activity: Medical Records Review

Involves: Alexander J. Rios (S), Melissa Mitchell (O), OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital (O)

Date of Activity: 06/23/2020

Activity Location: OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital – Business – 335 Glessner Avenue, Mansfield, OH 44903, Richland County

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Narrative:

On June 23, 2020, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Eric Lehnhart obtained a court order that was signed by Richland County Court of Common Pleas Judge Brent Robinson. A service copy of the court order was provided to OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital to produce the following information:

(1) BCI&I Special Agent Eric Lehnhart obtain a copy of completed medical records of Alexander Jose' Rios (DOB 05-08-1991) from OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, 335 Glessner Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44903 for dates of service September 20, 2019 to September 27, 2019, to including, but not limited to, Emergency Department (ED) notes, reparatory therapy notes, narrative summary, after care service plan, history and physical, social work assessment, progress notes, lab results, treatment plan, consultation, orders, complete itemized billing, identification of Endotracheal (ET) and Nasopharyngeal (NG) tube product identification used on Alexander Jose' Rios by OhioHealth Mansfield hospital staff, death documentation to include notes on extubation, and other records relevant to the patient's care, be seized, which relate to the investigation being conducted by agents of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation involving an officer-involved critical incident, death in custody and violation of Ohio Revised Code 2903.11 (Felonious Assault). and (2) this matter is sealed.

On July 1, 2020, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital produced the court ordered records in person to Special Agent Eric Lehnhart.

On July 1, 2020, Special Agent Eric Lehnhart returned the court order to Judge Brent Robinson at the Richland County Court of Common Pleas. A copy of the court order, affidavit, and return was attached to this report. Please refer to those documents and/or the

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attachment for further details.

Records Synopsis

The supplied records provided by OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital were essentially a duplicate copy of what was provided to BCI Special Agent Eric Lehnhart by the Richland County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, except that in the most recent request, OhioHealth provided a detailed billing and documentation that indicated that due to Rios' acute condition, he was started on tube feeding via the use of a [REDACTED] brand oral gastric tube (OGT).

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2020-07-01 Rios OhioHealth Mansfield Richland Court Order Complete

Attachment # 02:2020-07-01 Rios, Alex OhioHealth Hospital Richland Court Order Reply

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